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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-501, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(v)

(1)

(A) If a person received a sentence or sentences for first degree murder or second degree murder committed before the person was eighteen (18) years of age and the release eligibility date for the sentence imposed is greater than thirty (30) years from the date of sentencing, then the person is first eligible for release after service of thirty (30) calendar years. The release eligibility date for any other offense sentenced to run consecutively or concurrently to the first degree murder or second degree murder sentence or sentences shall remain the same, but shall not operate to extend the release eligibility date for the first degree murder or second degree murder offenses beyond thirty (30) calendar years. This subdivision (v)(1)(A) shall also apply to persons serving a sentence of imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole.

(B) The sentence or sentences of a person described in subdivision (v)(1)(A) shall be reduced by any sentence reduction credits earned and retained and credit for any time served in a county jail or

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juvenile facility but in no event shall these credits operate to make the person eligible for release prior to service of thirty (30) calendar years.

(2) This subsection (v) is intended to be retroactive and shall apply to a person described in subdivision (v)(1)(A) whether the offense was committed prior to July 1, 2017, or on or after July 1, 2017.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.